

BIG SANDY NEWS.

County News Items

Interesting Facts Gathered During the Week by Our
Regular Correspondents.

LEDOCIO AND ADAMS.

T. Moore has been very ill, is somewhat better now. R. Borders, of Georges creek, visiting his mother, Mrs. Tompkins last week. Beulah H. Miller was visiting friends at Norris Friday. Annie Vanhook, of Wilbur, was visiting Sunday. Bob Strettenberger of Ohio, was visiting the family of Mart Lyons Sunday.

Mary Miller visited her mother, Mrs. Julia Thompson, at Tuesday.

Miss Grace Moore, who is teaching at Mt. Pleasant visited home Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Clara Thompson and brother Johnnie, of Peach Orchard is visiting here.

Carson Thompson is working at harden.

Myrtle Carter visited school at Friday.

Juliah Miller attended the burial of Mrs. Chas Childers, Saturday.

He talk is that Rev. Charley Cas and wife of Lick Creek will be conducting a meeting at Little Valley Sunday night, Nov. 12th.

Miss Pearl Miller spent Saturday with little Miss, Sadie Moore. A Card.

TWIN BRANCH.

To Harvey failed to fill appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Church by Hugh Combs was large ly attended.

John and Carl Spillman passed down our creek Sunday.

Hester and Martha Adkins and Lila Adkins were calling on their grandmother Sunday.

Mrs. Della Blankenship and children were visiting Mrs. Arthur Spillman Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oazy Diamond were visiting home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Several boys of Deephole attended church here Saturday night.

Misses Sarah and Julia Adkins were visiting their cousins, Hester and Martha Adkins Sunday.

Misses Ida and Cora Berry were visiting their cousins, Mary and Rose Spillman recently.

Haile Jordan was shopping at Christmas Sale.

Herbert Adkins, of Ohio, is expected home soon.

CHESTNUT GROVE.

Mrs. Robert Young is very sick at this writing.

The literary at Watterson is quite a success and always a large crowd present.

Tube Adams and Johnnie Holbrook made a business trip to Ashland last week.

The infant child of W. B. Young is very sick with diphtheria.

Rosie and Floyd Stutenberger went to Little Blaine Saturday to attend the quarterly meeting.

Wesley Holbrook, of Springs, W. Va., is expected home soon.

Drew Adams was visiting Matie Roberts Sunday.

N. C. Williams purchased Charley

Roberts' part of the store at the mouth of Irish creek.

Claudia Holbrook and Caunia Hays attended literary at Watterson last Thursday night.

Sherman Evans, Drew and Mary Adams were shopping at Louisa Saturday.

Martin Wright and Theodore Hammonds failed to fill their appointments at Irish creek Sunday on account of the little snow.

Sherman Evans visited Ella Lyons Sunday.

A large cattle drove passed up our creek Saturday.

Lora Young and Mary Adams were shopping at Overda Wednesday.

Alvin Holbrook was calling on Sarah Young Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Charlie Perkins.

Charlie Adams was calling on Lila Cooper Sunday.

Willard and Damar Lyons were at James Mayes' Sunday.

Mollie and Lora Young were calling on their cousin, Mary Adams, Sunday.

M. Adams was visiting friends in Cherokee Thursday.

Ben Burgess passed down our creek Sunday.

Miss Lillie Hayes of Little Blaine is visiting her sister, Mrs. Strettenberger of this place.

Miss Mollie Carter was visiting her friend Mary Adams last Sunday.

The Sunday school convention at Danieles creek was a flash on account of the rain and snow. A. M.

BUCHANAN.

The meeting at Durbin has closed after a period of seven days.

Mrs. Geo. Williamson is visiting her husband near Cincinnati, who is superintendent of the Watson-Turner works.

Frank Ross, Clyde and Paul Bolt of Bolts Fork, attended Sunday school here Sunday.

Elizabeth Williamson and Victoria Smith were shopping in Catlettsburg Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Edith Leach was visiting her home in Ashland Sunday.

Frank Ross, of Bolts Fork, was visiting Miss Jessye Stump Sunday.

Miss Zada Turman and Allen Ross attended meeting at Durbin Saturday night and Sunday.

Jas. Stump, who has been sick for some time is no better.

Dr. Allen Pritchard wife and son, Marvin, were visiting home folks this week.

Mrs. J. F. Hatten was shopping in Louisa Saturday.

G. S. Brumfield who has been very sick since Saturday, is now improving.

Edward Bellomy, who has been a clerk for Hatten and Warren, has resigned.

Th's place is filled again by Sam Kendrick.

Everett Rice is working with the extra force was at home Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Edith Faulkner was visiting her aunt, Mrs. I. C. Jesse, Tuesday.

A very interesting talk was given at Buchanan store by Carl Wiley recently.

Green Cartmel was calling on Miss Eva Richardson Sunday.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely for we are working for the banner and that has caused a great interest to be taken by our people. We are planning on having an entertainment for Christmas. Dot.

ULYSSES.

Last Tuesday Z. H. Moore and wife with all their surviving children, three daughters and one son, brought the remains of their youngest daughter, Goldie, back here to their former home for burial. She died at their home in Portsmouth, Ohio, November 4th. She was 18 years old and fell a victim of consumption.

She was an obedient daughter, a devoted sister a kind friend and an earnest Christian worker whose highest ambition was to get well and go out into mission fields and bring others into the fold. Yet she said to her mother, who she loved so dearly, "The Lord's will be done, I am ready." The sorrowing friends and relatives have the deepest sympathy of the entire neighborhood.

Mrs. Charlie Childers, of Georges Creek, died one day last week. She is survived by her husband and children and her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Lewis Thompson, of Little Blaine, all of whom have our sympathies.

Leo Boyd has a severe attack of rheumatism.

Ammon Beasley, who got his foot and ankle pretty badly mashed some time ago by a log rolling over him, is able to go about again by the aid of crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Zo Castle, of Catlettsburg, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Dalise Bishop and children, of Blaine, are visiting relatives at this place. Eureka.

RUSH.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely at Ross Chapel with E. E. Chaffin, superintendent. However, he failed to be present Sunday, and his absence is yet unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pope and son, Homer, returned home from Washington last week.

Frank Banfield, Oscar Stanley and Henry Ross, were visiting East Fork Sunday.

Chas. Rouse and Joe Miller were calling on Misses Bertha and Sophia Bolt Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, a fine boy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leslie gave a party at their home in honor of their nephew, Mont Leslie, who will leave in a few days for Washington.

A pack drawn by two black horses passed down Bolts fork Sunday night en route to East Fork, chapel and all seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Dave and Bert Edmund, of East Fork visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stanley was brightened Thursday by the arrival of their son, Frank Allen, who had been out of the past four years and Sunday being the first time they had all gathered for quite a while and it was indeed a happy time, quite a number of friends and relatives were present to help celebrate the day.

Joe Ross has returned home from Van Lear, where he has been for the past six months.

Laura Justice is visiting her cousin, Willie B. Justice.

George Ross and Forest Pope were visiting Miss Ethel and Susie Rice Sunday.

Mrs. Roscoe Brown was visiting home folk Saturday and Sunday.

Philip Stanley and Wilbur Riffe were visiting Greenwood Sunday.

Mrs. Kay Sexton and two daughters, Beulah and Ruby are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leslie. Jewew.

LUCASVILLE, OHIO.

The farmers of this vicinity are busy husking their corn.

Jas. Chandler is preparing to ship 300 bushels of apples to Ashland and Huntington.

Mrs. Alafare Chandler, who has been visiting her father in Kentucky, has returned home.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Briskets, of this creek, has diphtheria, but is reported some better at this writing.

Miss Lottie Evans, of Ottoway, O. is visiting at the home of W. W. Chandler.

Ella Chandler was visiting Miss Blanche Schuler Sunday.

J. H. Chandler is doing a big business.

G. W. Chandler, of Cherokee, Ky. is preparing to move his family to his new home, which he purchased in Scioto county, O.

Bascom Chandler was a business visitor in Portsmouth Wednesday.

Alice Wheeler and Luth. Lockhart, are going to get married. We wish them much joy and many happy days.

Edgar Giles and Virgie Chandler attended the show at Lucasville Wednesday.

A Kentucky Girl.

SMOKY VALLEY.

There will be meeting here next fourth Sunday by Rev. Harvey.

Miss Mary Adams, Drew Adams and Sherman Evans passed through here en route for Louisa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, of Catlettsburg are visiting Mrs. George Diamond this week.

R. B. Hutchinson passed through here en route home Saturday.

Mrs. J. N. Roberts was calling on Mrs. John Brannan recently.

Proctor Diamond, of Deephole, was calling on friends here last Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Flaws is expected home soon. Easy Jones.

ANOTHER ECHO FROM KANSAS.

Holington, Kans. Oct. 27, 1911.

It is snowing!

The pure soft white flakes have been falling all day, and now our green, shade trees resemble large

orange groves or apple orchards.

This is just a little early for snow, but we welcome it just the same, as it prepares the wheat for winter quarters.

I did not see in last week's paper where any one had gone to Texas, but it may be in the next issue. I just had news from an old comrade of mine who lives at San Antonio, Tex., that he had undergone an operation for the removal of the right leg which resulted from an injury four years ago, producing a tubercular joint. Here is hoping for his ultimate recovery.

I said something of the Neuses Valley in my last communication, regarding the soil, climate and water; and was wondering if any of the Louisa boys had been fortunate in taking observations in that valley.

There seems to be everything, so far as natural resources are concerned to make that valley a regular "paradise," provided the proper people get hold of the lands and them.

The Cross S Ranch, comprises most of this valley and I know they will not sell any land even to colored people, and they colonized the Mexicans in the Northwestern corner of the Ranch. In the center of this Ranch is that almost "magical" city, called Crystal City which is 3 years old, and has over 2000 people and two railroads, The Crystal City and Uvala R. R. and the Gardendale R. R.

Quite a few people from Holington are now living there, and seem to be well satisfied.

They get from 4 to 7 crops of alfalfa each year, and can raise as much as 25 bushels oats per acre. Onions sold in the field ready to harvest for over \$400 per acre. Now what's the matter with Texas, now what's the matter with Texas, now what's the matter with Texas.

I have two nice town lots in Crystal City and 20 acres of red sandy loam, 1 1/4 mile from the city, and contemplate going to Texas some day myself. I think I would enjoy that climate, as it is more equable than it is in Kansas, and besides that artesian water is a great object, saying nothing of fresh vegetables the year around.

The land that I bought is adapted to small fruits, onions and vines, as well as the citrus fruits.

Uvala is quite a city 90 miles west of San Antonio, and Crystal City is 45 miles south of Uvala.

My little possessions are not for sale there, but I could sell most any day. My land joins the "Jackson" farm, and they sold 23 acres of onions in the field for \$420 per acre, or over \$600 for the crop.

Now for fear some one will think I am getting "windy," I will close, and write more, later. My advice to those who wish a good, healthy, equable climate, would be, go to Texas, "It is a great Empire in itself." It can furnish its own productions without the aid of any other state or country. I know but one thing wrong with the State, and that is its "politics." Jay Hawker.

COAL OUTPUT

Kentucky's Production for 1910 Nearly 4,000,000 Tons Greater than in 1909.

There was a notable activity in Kentucky's coal mining in 1910 according to figures just made public by E. W. Parker, of the United States Geological Survey.

The total production of the State was 14,623,319 short tons; valued at \$14,405,887, as against 10,697,384 short tons, valued at \$10,079,317, in 1909, a gain of 3,925,935 short tons, or 36.7 per cent in quantity, and of \$4,326,570, or 42.92 per cent, in value.

The stoppage of work in the Coal mines effected by the general strike of 1910 was the material benefit to the operators and miners in Kentucky, particularly in the Western field. During the six months of idleness in the other states the shipments over the Louisville and Nashville Railroad from the western Kentucky coal fields increased nearly 70 per cent over the corresponding period in 1909.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary demand upon the Kentucky mines labor supply was entirely adequate as many of the miners who were thrown out of work by the Illinois and the Southwestern States sought employment in Kentucky and

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During 1910 the coal mines of Kentucky gave employment to 20-316 men, who worked an average of 221 days. Labor deficiencies in the Kentucky mines were limited to short strikes in 14 mines.

Kentucky is one of the leading States in mining coal by the use of machines and ranks next to Ohio in the percentage of machine-mine output in the total production. In 1910 out of a total of 14,623,319 short tons, 9,362,851 tons, or 64 per cent, were machine mined.

Kentucky an Early Coal Producer.

So far as the records of early coal production in the United States are to be excepted, Kentucky was the third State to enter the list of regular coal producers. According to one of the early reports of the Kentucky Geological Survey, published in the first coal produced in the State was mined in 1827 "the right side of the Cumberland river below the mouth of Laurel." The same report says that in 1827 five boat loads of coal from these mines arrived at Nashville, and that from 1829 to 1834 probably from 25 to 35 boat loads were sent out each year. The boat loads averaged about 1,750 bushels, or 66 tons each.

By 1860, according to the census for that year, the production amounted to 285,760 short tons. Operations were necessarily somewhat interrupted during the Civil War, but since 1870, after the State had begun to recover from the effects of the War, the production increased rapidly, as shown in the following table:

1860	285,760
1870	150,582
1880	946,288
1890	2,701,493
1900	5,328,984
1910	14,623,319

Estimates made by Mr. M. R. Campbell, of the United States Geological Survey, place the original supply of coal in Kentucky at 104,028,000,000 short tons. The total production to the close of 1910 has amounted to approximately 158,000,000 tons, representing an exhaustion of 287,000,000 tons, or 0.23 per cent of the original supply.

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